



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

District of Columbia Public Schools Office of Federal Grants Programs, State Education Agency

FY 2005 Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) Program

The District of Columbia Public Schools, Office of Office of Federal Grants Programs is soliciting competitive applications under the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) Program. The CSRD Program provides financial incentives for local educational agencies to support schools that need to substantially improve student achievement, specifically focusing on Title I schools identified as in need of improvement, to implement comprehensive school reform programs that are based on scientifically based research and effective practices, and include an emphasis on basic academics and parental involvement. The CSRD programs are intended to stimulate school-wide change covering all aspects of the applicant school's operations.

Applicants must submit a comprehensive plan for each school included in the application and must address the following eleven (11) program components, and for each one, indicate how it relates back to the overall school-wide reform.

1. Proven methods and strategies based on scientifically-based research;
2. Comprehensive design;
3. Professional development;
4. Measurable goals and benchmarks;
5. Support within the school;
6. Support for teachers and principals;
7. Parental and community involvement;
8. External technical support and assistance;
9. Annual evaluation;
10. Coordination of resources; and
11. Strategies that improve the academic achievement.

LEA's serving schools identified as *in need of improvement under Title I, Part A*, including charter schools, are eligible to apply for funds under this RFA.

The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on September 30, 2004 and the deadline for submission is December 2, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Ms. Deidre M. Hunt at CDH Management and Consulting on (202) 641-5766. The RFA will also be available on the Mayor's Office of Partnership and Grants Development (OPGD) website, <http://www.opgd.dc.gov> (District Grants Clearinghouse) and the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) website, www.k12.dc.us no later than, October 6, 2004.

Applicants to the program must attend the Pre-Application Conference on October 14, 2004 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at DCPS Board Room, Fifth Floor, 825 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20002.